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SUBJECT: YUNUS SAEED'S MID-JUNE VISIT WITH U.S. PUBLISHERS

REFTEL: (A) ISLAMABAD'S 5100, (B) MEMCON, ALBERT/MATTHIAS
DISCUSSION, MAY 13

FOR AMSTUTZ AND MATTHIAS USAID FROM DEPARTMENT (EB/CBA)
AND AID/W

1. NOTWITHSTANDING LEO ALBERT'S APPARENT AGREEMENT FOR
PUBLISHERS TO PAY SAEED'S EXPENSES OTHER THAN TRAVEL,
ALBERT HAS BEEN IN TOUCH WITH DEPARTMENT AND POINTED OUT
THAT BRITISH GOVERNMENT IS PAYING ALL EXPENSES FOR SAEED'S
VISIT TO THE UNITED KINGDOM. HE HAS REQUESTED DEPARTMENT/
AID RECONSIDERATION OF FUNDING FOR SAEED VISIT.

2. BECAUSE IT WAS UNCLEAR WHETHER ALBERT WAS SPEAKING ON
BEHALF OF ASSOCIATION OF AMERICAN PUBLISHERS (AAP),
DEPARTMENT CONTACTED TOWNSEND HOOPES, PRESIDENT OF AAP.
HOOPES REGRETTED MISUNDERSTANDING BUT EXPRESSED SINCERE
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HOPE THAT USG WOULD BE ABLE TO PAY HOTEL AND MISCELLANEOUS

EXPENSES IN AMOUNT OF APPROXIMATELY \$400 IN ADDITION TO SAEED'S AIR TRAVEL.

3. DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDS THAT ALL SAEED'S EXPENSES BE FUNDED BY USG IN VIEW OF (A) SMALL ADDITIONAL AMOUNT

INVOLVED, (B) PERSONAL APPEAL OF PRESIDENT OF AAP, AND (C) AS EXPRESSION OF STRONG INTEREST OF USG IN TAKING ALL POSSIBLE ACTION TO RESOLVE DIFFICULT PAKISTANI COPYRIGHT PROBLEMS. IF COUNTRY TEAM REACTION AFFIRMATIVE, CU/NEA ADVISES THAT FUNDS MIGHT BE TAKEN FROM INTERNATIONAL VISITORS PROGRAM FUND ON A PARTIAL GRANT BASIS. PLEASE ADVISE PRIORITY.

4. AAP HAS ADVISED DEPARTMENT THAT PROGRAM FOR SAEED CAN BE ARRANGED QUICKLY AS SOON AS SPECIFIC DATES FIXED. MID-JUNE IS ACCEPTABLE TO AAP. KISSINGER

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